

Recommendations to the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee
regarding the 9-1-1 Advisory Council

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The State of Montana's 9-1-1 Program is organizationally located in the Department of Administration, State Information Technology Services Division, Public Safety Communications Bureau. Under 10-4-102(2), MCA, the 9-1-1 Advisory Council's purpose is to provide representatives of 9-1-1 jurisdictions with the opportunity to participate in the development, implementation, and management of the State of Montana's 9-1-1 Program described in Title 10, Chapter 4, MCA.

The Council was established in law in 1985. Governor Steve Bullock renewed the 9-1-1 Advisory Council on October 19, 2015, and appointed the following members:

- Ron Baldwin, State Chief Information Officer, Chair
- Kevin Box, Montana Emergency Medical Services Association
- Delila Bruno, Department of Military Affairs, Disaster and Emergency Services
- Kimberly Burdick, Choteau County, Montana Association of Public Safety Communications Officials
- Colonel Tom Butler, Department of Justice, Montana Highway Patrol
- Geoff Feiss, Montana Telecommunications Association
- Terry Ferestad, AT&T
- Sheriff Chris Hoffman, Ravalli County, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association
- Bill Hunter, City of Great Falls, Public Safety Answering Point Manager serving a population >30,000
- Lisa Kelly, CenturyLink
- Chief Leonard Lundby, Great Falls Volunteer Fire, Montana State Volunteer Firefighters Association
- Commissioner Gary McDonald, Roosevelt County, Montana Association of Counties
- Deputy Chief Greg Megaard, Bozeman Fire Department, Montana Fire Chiefs Association
- Chief Rick Musson, Laurel Police Department, Montana Association of Chiefs of Police
- Jennie Stapp, State Librarian, Montana State Library
- Chuck Winn, City of Bozeman, Montana League of Cities and Towns

The Department of Administration has currently tasked the 9-1-1 Advisory Council with gathering information and providing recommendations for modernizing the state 9-1-1 Program to enable and support the deployment of Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG 9-1-1) in Montana. NG 9-1-1 is an internet protocol (IP)-based system that allows digital information (e.g., voice, photos, videos, text messages) to flow seamlessly from the public, through the 9-1-1 network, and on to emergency responders.

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Throughout the Council's history, invaluable insight and support have ensured the continuing success and advancement of the state 9-1-1 Program. The Department believes the continuing engagement of the 9-1-1 Advisory Council is necessary and beneficial to ensuring that 9-1-1 stakeholders remain engaged in the management of the state 9-1-1 program. Therefore, no change is necessary to 10-4-102(2), MCA.